

Charging fees for citizens to utilize wireless ISP providers in order to subsidize the old telcos is backwards thinking.

This is comparable to asking for fees on airflights to subsidize trains. Or like asking for fees on cars to subsidize trains or stagecoaches or river boats. What next? Charge Satellite XM Radio subscribers for fees to subsidize ye olde AM stations or cable FM?

Why not charge fees for all wired communications in order to promote wireless ISP and technologies? That might be a better diversion of citizen's wealth.

If anything should be done, fees should be assessed against use of telcos to subsidize universal access via wireless. Leveraging fees against older technology to foster the innovative would make the FCC a force for positive evolutionary change. Leveraging fees against newer technology to maintain the old makes the FCC a barrier to citizens attempting to embrace the future. Worse, it turns the FCC into the opposite of Robin Hood. Take cash from the cash poor innovator to give to the wealthy status quo. The FCC should not be the robber barron's enforcer goon.

Promoting wireless with fees against wire-based could mean schools in rural settings getting ISP access where no cable/telco wishes to pay the cost of putting in the infrastructure.

Promoting wirelss gives many small communities the chance to own and operate information systems they need to have. In these days when local newspapers have been bought up by a few communications conglomerates, this could revitalize local news and information services.

Technical schools and colleges could operate community based wirelss campuses, reducing the need for travel to classrooms.

Small community libraries could share electronic resources with their communities from the great and large libraries.

The FCC should be promoting citizen involvement in innovation. Greater experimentation, like Amateur Radio used to do, should be fostered amongst citizens in digital wireless communications. Consider the national savings in resources spent supporting wire! Consider the ecological benefits of wireless infrastructure. Consider the benefits to citizens of having myriad access points to the internet and a huge diversity of information sources. Consider the benefits of increased information flow to a free society.

Consider how having 1000's of points of wireless access would have helped deal with the problems getting information around during the 9/11/2001 WTC emergency in NY.

Having thousands or millions of small wireless ISP operators would help put more Americans to work, and deepen our technological base. The FCC should be focusing on policies which enable the average citizens to flourish, improve information access and communicate more effectively and with suitable privacy safeguards and with liberty protected. Fostering a rapidly evolving wireless network of many independent ISPs would be a better choice than transferring

cash from small innovative, pioneering independents to the billion dollar dinosaurs stuck in a 1950's way of doing business.

The FCC should represent the common man/woman's interest, as an enlightened citizen. Having more choices of access, content providers, information flows, seems like what we need. Introducing artificial fees to shift wealth away from innovators makes the FCC appear antagonistic to innovation. That's tinkering with the free market, an astonishing development considering how much this administration deems the free market as a hallmark of our free society.

Turn your attention to amplifying the voice of the common citizen. Promote the technologies which encourage free expression, free flow of information, ease of access, and stop tying the copper/cable noose around our necks!